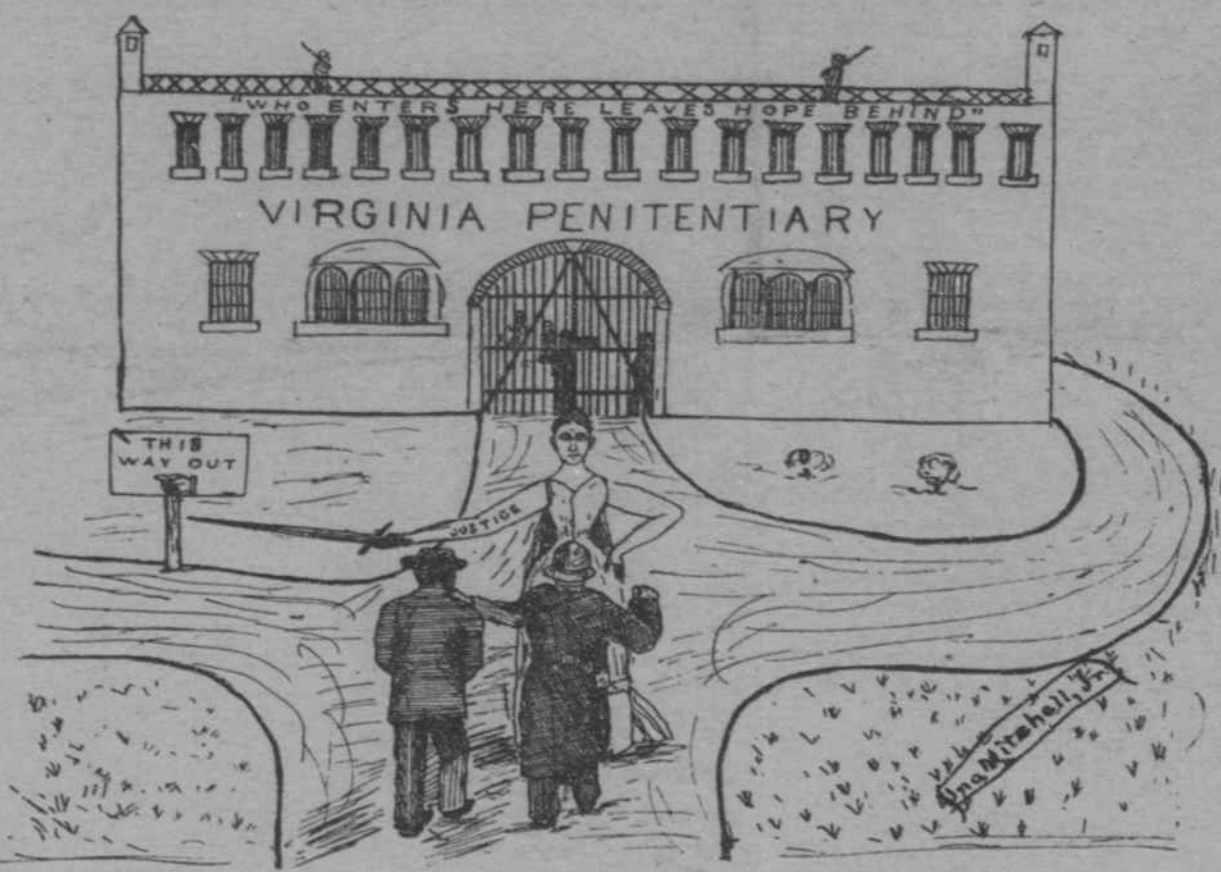


Not Built for the Innocent.

The attempt of the officers of the law to place RICHARD BROWN in the Virginia Penitentiary because he demanded his own money under threat was frustrated by Judge S. B. WITT, who on Monday, January 14th, 1895, set aside the verdict. The cartoon will explain itself:



L. N. MONROE.
The Ossified Man.

THE OSSIFIED MAN.

PUZZLES SCIENCE.

Nothing Like Him Ever Seen in this Section Before.

The word ossify means the changing of a soft animal substance into bone. When we refer to an ossified man, we mean one who has become practically changed into bone.

Such is the condition of L. N. Monroe, the portrait of whom we present to our readers this week. He cannot move a joint in his body. He cannot feed himself or bend a finger. From the crown of his head to the end of his toes he is rigid. He has to lay in one position all the time.

A doctor at Gordonsville thought he could bend one of his fingers. He succeeded, but when it was examined, it was found that he had broken it just as would have been a pipe-stem.

The skin is drawn over the bones. Mr. Monroe eats heartily, is cheerful, runs himself so to speak, employs a man to carry him about, his valet, he contentedly said and declared himself to be happy, both spiritually, mentally and physically. He lays in one position all the time, is a pleasing talker, quick witted and yet he could not take a 5 cent piece in his fingers if his life depended upon it.

He cannot get a mouthful of food unless some one gives it to him and if laid on the floor he cannot move three inches unless some one comes to his assistance. He is an admirable speaker and can deliver a fluent lecture. He declares that he has neither an ache nor a pain. His toes project as seen in the picture and he has moved a half inch without breaking them.

He is a remarkable being. But we repeat his own statement:

"I was born at Manassas, Prince William County, Va., January 29th, 1847. In 1855, at the age of eight years, I was taken with a pain in the second joint of the left limb, (I was then 10 years old) and from that time I have been unable to move that limb. In 1857, at the age of ten years, I was taken with it in the limb and in '62, at the age of 15, I was taken in the right hand followed by the left arm and leg. I have had a great deal of pain in my neck, and then had to remain in bed, where I have remained ever since, without sitting or turning. I have not fed myself during that time. I have relatives."

I am 47 years of age, and my weight is only 57 pounds, my length is 42 inches. I suffered extreme pain for 15 years. I have hair in my head 27 years, and have been without pain for 24 years. Mr. Monroe is a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church of this State and was baptized by Rev. Joseph L. Purinton, in 1871, at the age of 24. He is now in Manchester, Vt., and is supporting himself by exhibiting himself to the public. Everyone should see this wonderful man.

THE UNION FESTIVAL.

Rev. A. Bings, Jr., Gets Solid Aid for His Church—The Committee.

Mr. Editor:

I here record with feelings of profound gratefulness the generous deeds of many friends. Being very much oppressed by my Church debt, I called upon my sister churches and friends for assistance. And in order to receive financial help without embarrassing other churches, we proposed to hold a Union Fair and Concert. We secured through the kindness of the members of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Richmond, their house of worship; and Rev. R. Wells reinforced with the wise management and untiring efforts of Sisters Bettie Graves, Susan Clarke, Mary Russell, Annie Wilson, Agnes Smith, Amanda Denson, Helen Boyd, Ella Johnson, Amanda Thornton, Little Briggs, Alice Threat, M. Williams, Alice Hughes, Nannie B. Jones, Zetoria D. Jones, Minnie A. Funn, Florence Isham, Mary M. Scott, Eugene Smith, Susan L. Johnson, Fannie Wilson, Mary F. Early, Margaret L. Tinsley, Alice Adams, Susie E. Johnson, Mrs. Bettie Graves, chairman; Mrs. Amanda Denson, Treasurer; Miss Florence Isham, Sec., conducted a table and turned over to my church \$78.07.

Rev. J. H. Holmes stepped forward and placed his shoulders like a shield over the cause, under my burden and relief was assured. But it was not realized until that ever willing and loving band of Sisters: Nancy Anderson, Jane Green, Fannie Robinson, Nancy West, Margaret Scott, Lucy G. Lewis, Lillie A. Hope, Lizzie Dammels, Martha Cunningham, S. Alice Kemp, and Mary J. Smith stretched out their kind hands and placed in mine \$55.82, the fruits of their earnest toil.

Rev. Z. D. Lewis, B. D., the defender of the faith, in this effort gave a beautiful illustration of his love for that cause which he so nobly defended a short time since, through the columns of the PLANET. But it is due that I should bestow the higher need upon that earnest company of Christian ladies, Sisters: Lillie Hill, Henrietta Warren, Jennie Smith, Mattie Curry, Mary Truehart, Sarah P. Clarke, Ida Baker, S. Samuels, Martha Scott, Willie Jones, Sarah Harris, A. E. Morris, Ann Bowman, A. T. Grimes, G. A. Woodson, Nannie Gray, Rosa Williams,

Price, G. Lawrence, Jennie Fife, Fannie Winston and brother M. C. Morris placed in our treasury \$48.40. However widely Revs. Graham and Lewis may differ about the devil, it is safe to say that in matters that relate to the Lord they are a unit, and strikingly resemble each other in their devotion to the Baptist cause. Rev. Graham martialed his forces as if laboring for himself. We give below the names of the faithful sisters of his flock who took upon themselves the laborious duties of the table and raised for our relief \$30.65. Sisters, Susan Wallace, W. F. Graham, Mary Page, Martha Anderson, Mary Walker, Sophia Quarles, Addie Lemas, Kittie Johnson, Cora Sandridge, Mattie Frayne, L. Wyatt, Hannah Reid, Annie Ware, Rosa Brooks, Bell Brooks, Lucy Walker, Mary Williams, Zetta Brown, Martha Sweet, Mary Williams, Archer, Charles Lemas and Rev. Henry Buford.

Rev. Evans Payne who has made quite a record money raising really enjoys helping his brethren, and his faithful members possess his noble spirit in a large degree, which was beautifully illustrated by Sister: Fanny Dabney, Mahalia Garlick, Martha Taylor, Pauline Brown, Mamie Brown, Martha White, Patsy Calvin, Jane Turner, Mansfield Minor, Marie White, India Banks, Maggie Lee and Wm. Brown, who made for our church \$26.01.

The Sharon Baptist Church was ably represented by Sister Annie E. Morris, who placed in our hands \$8.95. We were no less surprised than delighted at the valuable help rendered by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. Not that we doubted their ability, but the fact that they gave us \$22.01 without being asked crowns the act with peculiar distinction. Below are names of the sisters who kindly assisted in the collection: Matilda Kemp, Julia Bland, E. P. Turner, A. D. Price, Lizzie Wills, M. L. Chiles, Shepherd Shortt, Fannie Elliott, Emma B. Lucas, Mary Cousins, Lena Isham, Mahel Holmes.

The Moore St. Church though without a pastor took her place among her sister churches and through the skillful energies of Sisters: Louisa Rose, M. L. Garrison, Mary Peoples, L. J. Perkins, M. E. Burrell, Mary Morris, Roberta Johnson, M. Mayo, Minnie Cookes, Jennie McAllister, Maud Harris, and Annie Harris turned over \$23.04.

Rev. J. T. Russell of the Second Church Manchester rendered valuable assistance by giving a turkey and other things for the table and brother Hall turned over \$2.40.

We tried to prove ourselves worthy of being helped by doing what we could. Sisters: J. B. Diamond, Sarah Baker, Sarah Gray, Ella Claiborne, Coles, Ada Wilkerson, Julia E. Cousins, Laura G. King, R. L. Bings, Mary R. Hickman, M. A. Hughes, Signora Wood, Dolly Adams, and Kitty Mosely, gave unstintingly of their means and labor which were rewarded with the handsome return of \$51.71.

Prof. D. Webster Davis and Brethren Q. W. Moon, F. R. Nelson and C. H. Munford together with their respective singing companies deserve special mention for the invaluable service rendered in conducting our concert.

Realized from all sources, \$346.76. Collection for Sabbath added gives a total of \$607.68. I feel like taking all our dear friends by the hand and shaking them until our buttons rattle.

God bless you.

A. BINGA, JR.

A New Invention.

Rev. J. B. Randolph, inventor of Trenton, N. J., is in the city and has an invention of a furnace which can be utilized for cooking purposes. The waste heat can be used to do service in the two rooms above. The patent has been allowed by the patent office and is said to be worth \$60,000.

Mr. Woodward's Reception.

Messrs. Joseph James and Ed. Howard assisted by Messrs. Mary D. Cousins and Florence Eight entertained Mr. Sidney Woodward, the Primo Tenor of Boston on Tuesday evening, Jan. 29th 1895. Among those present were Messrs. S. Alice Kemp, Fannie Robinson, Katie Robinson, Julia Braxton, Alice Adams, Antoinette Turner, Olivia Oliver, Lavinia Patterson, Lena Isham, Mrs. Dr. Ferguson, Mrs. A. D. Price, Mrs. and Mrs. D. W. Davis, Dr. Hattie Wallace, Mary Roper, Emma Evans, Prof. and Mrs. J. E. Jones, Misses Laura and Nellie Forrester.

Compare Them.

The case of Richard Brown (colored) charged with threatening Charles H. Page (white) calls to mind the case of D. P. Eanes, (white) charged with shooting John Davis (colored). Brown was convicted and his punishment ascertained at five years in the penitentiary. This was set aside and he was sentenced to one year in jail. Eanes was fined \$25.00. Brown did not strike Page. Eanes shot Davis. Both cases were tried in the same court. Comment is unnecessary for the conclusions to be drawn are self-evident.

Installation Service.

The 20th Street Baptist Church will have Installation Services on the third Sunday, when the three newly elected deacons will be installed. The public are invited. Service begins at 8 p. m.

Justice bars the way and indignantly points the officer to the pathway leading out of the prison, with the stern reminder that the Virginia Penitentiary was not built for the innocent.

Personals & Briefs.

—Prof. George Stephens, of Danville, Va., called on us.

—Mr. Robert F. Brooks left the city this week for Old Point.

—We received a letter from Amelia O. H. with no name signed.

—Mr. George W. Bragg has returned from Bedford City, where he has been to put in a laundry plant.

—Mrs. Harriet Cousins of 12 west Leigh St., has been quite sick with la grippe, but we are glad to note that she is much better.

—We have received the initial number of the Galveston, Texas, Virgians. It is a six column journal, bright and newsy. J. S. Thibault is editor and T. V. Anderson, manager. May it have success.

—After spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Danville, Va., Mrs. Martha Slade and her daughter Miss Mary A. Tucker will depart for Morton, Pa., Feb. 5, 1895.

—Mr. J. D. Bland, the efficient chorister of the Sunday School Union was not at his post of duty last Sunday evening owing to sickness. He is however convalescent.

—Miss Mary E. Page of West Philadelphia sends us a highly encouraging letter, commending our course and tendering a subscription.

SIDNEY WOODWARD.

At the Second Baptist Church

Quite an appreciative gathering greeted Mr. Sidney Woodward the great primo-tenor of Boston at the 2nd Baptist Church, Thursday night, January 31st. His voice was even in a better condition than on the preceding night at the 5th Street Church.

Mr. Woodward rendered song after song to the delight of his hearers who rent the air with repeated applause. He has won for himself a great reputation among the music loving people of Richmond though he did not have very large audiences during these engagements. His very name in future will mean a rare treat to crowded houses.

The Richmond Musical and Dramatic Association furnished support for him as only the Association can. The participants mentioned in our last issue as having given such able support at the 5th Street Church were programed for the Second Baptist Church entertainment also, with the exception of W. A. Mitchell who was substituted by Miss Lizzie B. Wills who appeared on the program and rendered a recitation entitled "Polish Boy." The production was an excellent one and all that was in it was thoroughly brought out by the reciter. She bids fair to rank with the best of her countrywomen. Every member of the Association made a creditable showing amid rapturous applause. We very much regret that space does not permit an explanatory account of their efforts individually.

A Parlor Social.

DANVILLE, Va., Feb. 4, '95.—One of the most recherche parlor societies given this season was that given at the residence of Mrs. Lulu Williams, 321 N. Holbrook Street last Friday evening. The committee (Prof. Geo. Stephens, Jr., chairman; Mr. L. O. Jeffers, Vice-chairman; Mr. J. G. Bannister, Sec.; and Dr. A. L. Winslow, Treasurer) had arranged several charades which were successfully presented. Games of different kinds were indulged in. Misses Mary A. Hayes and Colin C. Scott sang several selections with Miss Sadie J. Lawson as accompanist. Mr. William Ramey rendered several selections on the piano.

Promptly at twelve all repaired to the dining room where a most excellent supper had been spread. After supper many of the guests to the sweet strains of music divine. "Tripped it on the light fantastic toe."

Night's candles were burnt out before the gay company dispersed. Among those present were: Misses Annie A. Graves, Mary A. Hayes, Hulda Penn, Annie L. Ivy, Mollie Bell, Mary B. Penn, Sadie J. Lawson, Gay Bannister, Emma J. Ivy, Celia C. Scott, and the gentlemen present were:

Prof. C. S. Morris of Boston, Dr. A. L. Winslow, Prof. T. A. Long, Prof. Geo. Stephens, Jr., and Messrs. Wm. Ramey, J. C. Rinds, Wm. G. Kilgore, R. J. Adams, L. O. Jeffers, J. E. Pengar, R. Cutler McNorton, J. G. Bannister, Samuels Daniels, Robert Allen and Howard Saunders.

They were courteously received by Private Secretary Chesterman, who in the way is a general favorite. He invited all to take seats, stating that the Governor would be over from the Executive Mansion in a little while.

TO THE GOVERNOR.

AN APPEAL MADE IN BEHALF OF RICHARD BROWN.

Commonwealth's Attorney Smith's Opinion—Judge Witt Absent—Race Leaders Co-operate

Saturday, 2nd inst., a party of gentlemen consisting of Rev. Jas. H. Holmes, Rev. Evans Payne, Rev. Archer Ferguson, Rev. Daniel James, Rev. W. F. Graham, Dr. R. E. Jones, Dr. S. H. Diamond and John Mitchell, Jr. met at the PLANET Office, 814 E. Broad St. The snow was falling and it was indeed a wintry day, although by a reference to the calendar it was found that it was not a day for snow.

Their mission was made known, and the petition presented. He read it carefully and after making enquiries said: "I will do my best to get it attended to." Editor Mitchell after complimenting him upon the pardon of Nannie Woods called his attention to the letter of Mr. Lewis H. Blair in the PLANET.

HE READS THE PLANET.

"No," replied the Governor, "I have not had time to read the PLANET yet. It is over at the house."

It comes every Friday night. I read it every week. I read what you say about me, too." He looked over at the editor with a smile of amusement upon his countenance and continued "Well, I am getting used to such things, very much like the duck's back." The delegation laughed and after shaking hands with Virginia's distinguished executive all left much pleased with the treatment accorded at his hands.

Information is wanted concerning the following parties: Charles Harris, the son of Charles Harris, Sr., and Louisa Harris. One of the daughters of the late Charles Harris, N. & A. Institute. She married a man named Budd and located in the West. Charles Harris, Sr. died and his widow married a man named Samuel Brown, probably about ten or twelve years ago, and resided in the West. Charles Harris, Jr. went to New York married and was blessed with two children. He mislaid the letter which he received from them out West. On October 11th, 1893 he died and his widow is desirous of finding his relatives to inform them of the fact. The deceased had an uncle in Washington named Thomas Harris. Any information concerning the above named will be thankfully received.

EDWARD U. A. BROOKS, In care of PLANET, Richmond, Va.

Do You Know Them?

I desire to know the whereabouts of Robert B. Fields, son of W. R. Fields, of Savannah, Ga. He left home in November, 1893. Any information concerning his whereabouts will be thankfully received by

W. R. FIELDS, Savannah, Ga.

A WHITE MAN'S COURAGE.

He Saves the Lives of Two Colored Men.

Jesse Mosley, the mail carrier and two section hands started across the James River at Mantoo, Va. The water was strong and the boat was driven against the ferry rope which extended across the river.

It pulled Jesse Mosley out and he was drowned. The two section hands in the boat were helplessly washed down the river.

Striking a tree the boat was capsized. The two men climbed up the tree, but could not get to the shore as the water was high. The ferryman, who had been there for 18 years, was afraid to go out to them.

The local freight came by and Brake-man J. H. Bugg, white, seeing the predicament went ten miles above the point to Wingin and got a boat. He left the train and went down the river to Mantoo. It was dark when he got there, but he went up after them and brought them to the shore. One of the men was frozen nearly to death when rescued.

In 1870, during a severe cold, the colored men and whites.

"Yes," remarked the editor laughingly, "and what kind of colored men you put on it?" "Well," replied the commonwealth's attorney smiling, "I cannot put preachers and editors on the jury. They are exempt." "I have been on the jury here," responded the editor. This ended the conversation and Editor Mitchell and the minister after thanking Commonwealth's Attorney Smith for agreeing to sign the petition at all, the party finding Judge Witt absent repaired to the Governor's Office.

They were courteously received by Private Secretary Chesterman, who in the way is a general favorite. He invited all to take seats, stating that the Governor would be over from the Executive Mansion in a little while.

A GRAND MEETING.

EX-GRAND MASTER W. M. T. FORRESTER AND THE ODD FELLOWS BEAUTIFUL TESTIMONIAL.

Speeches of Chairman S. S. Richardson, M. V. P. and P. N. F. John Baker: Omitted.

At the large gathering of Odd Fellows of Richmond and Manchester, Jan. 30th at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, the introductory speech of Chairman S. S. Richardson, M. V. P. was unfortunately omitted. He said it gave him pleasure to honor a man, a gentleman and a brother who for 14 years had led this organization to success. He was worthy of all the honor we could give him. He was no stranger, no tramp but a christian gentleman.

In 1880 we found a boy named Willie, like Pharoah's daughter found a boy. And as Moses had led the children of Israel so had Forrester led this order to its prosperous condition. The remarks of the chairman reflected much credit to the Ex-Grand Master.

P. N. F. John Baker of Manchester discussed the "Influence of the Household of Ruth upon the order." He said that as soon as Peter Ogden had started the order of Odd Fellows he found that the hand of woman must take part for success, and the branch of the Household of Ruth was instituted. He said, "God bless the women, wherever they are placed to work, success comes." He graphically spoke of Queen Esther petitioning in behalf of her people. He said when she attired herself in all her finery and looking so charming came before the King, "why," said he, "any man would have held out the scepter." Then he said he would give her half of his kingdom. What a blessing she was to her people. He kept the audience in a roar of laughter and was loudly applauded. His remarks were much appreciated by all present.

The handsome floral design was presented by the ladies auxiliary of Ebenezer Lodge and not the Household of Ruth. The following ladies are officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of Ebenezer Lodge: Mrs. Wm. Wilson, President; Mrs. W. I. Johnson, Vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Tyler, Secretary and Mrs. Julius Smith, Treasurer.

The Grand Master thanked the ladies and said he would always be on their side, and wished them much success. The Ladies Auxiliary is noted for their hospitality and on several occasions have entertained the Odd Fellows by whom they are held in high esteem.

The beautiful Silver Service Set presented to Ex-Grand Master W. M. T. Forrester was given by the following lodges of Richmond and Manchester: Lone Star Lodge, No. 1340, Committee, S. S. Richardson, M. V. P.; John W. E. Johnson, M. V. P.; Robert Smith, P. N. F.

Ebenezer Lodge, No. 1482: Committee, Thos. P. Matthews, M. V. P.; Wm. Chapman, P. N. F.; Wm. Winston, Fidelity Lodge, No. 1329; Capt. H. Bannister, P. N. F.; Wm. Furguson, P. N. F.; C. Ross, P. N. F.

James Needham Lodge, No. 1468, Richmond, P. N. F.; Killis Williams, M. V. P.

American Lodge, No. 1789; J. H. Cooper, P. N. F.; J. E. Templeman, P. N. F.; Granville Marks, P. G. M.; Invincible Lodge, No. 2674; C. Brad-

ley, P. N. F.; Wm. M. Trueheart, P. N. F.; Charles Strother, P. G. M.; Peerless Lodge, No. 3648; James M. Jasper, P. N. F.; Aaron Banks, P. N. F.; R. A. Graves, P. N. F.

Henrico Lodge, No. 1694; J. A. Wilson, M. V. P.; John Langon, M. V. P.; John Russell, P. N. F.

P. G. M. Council, No. 14; Morton Deane, M. V. P.; R. Beecher Taylor, P. W. G. M.

Globe Lodge, No. 1469; A. Knox, P. N. F.; W. O. Taylor, P. N. F.; W. M. Mason, P. N. F.

Mt. Erin Lodge, No. 1898; S. Scott, Richmond Patriarche, No. 6.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 1538; John W. E. Johnson, P. N. F.; G. W. Allen, P. N. F.; W. E. Johnson, P. N. F.

Bethar Lodge, No. 2396; C. H. Munford, P. N. F.; J. D. Hall, P. N. F.; Wm. Christian, P. N. F.

The officers of the committee were as follows: M. V. P. S. Richardson, Chairman; M. V. P. A. Knox, Chairman; W. G. M. R. Beecher Taylor, Sec'y.

At the last meeting of the Committee, visit to the Ex-Grand Master. They were cordially invited in and after receiving their congratulations, he invited them to lunch which was highly enjoyed being quite a surprise. On the table sat the Silver Service which presented a handsome appearance. After lunch pleasant anecdotes were indulged in, and a happy time was spent in the agreeable company of the great leader of Odd Fellows for 15 years.

Peach Bud Club.

There will be a grand entertainment at Hayes' Hall, 727 N. 2nd St., given by the famous Peach Bud Club, Thursday Night, Feb. 14th. Good music will be on hand. The members of the club promises to make it pleasant for all. Admission, 15c.; Lady and Gent, 25c. The public is respectfully invited to attend this entertainment. Good order will be enforced.

C. M. JONES, Pres. JNO. SAILOR, Secretary. GEO. WASHINGTON, Manager.

All stock holders and section owners of Sycamore Cemetery will please report within the next thirty days to the Secretary of the company for registration. At the same time presenting deeds for sections owned.

By order of Board of Managers, R. G. RICHARDSON, Sec'y, 217 W. Baker St.

Sure Cure for Small-Pox.

The Richmond Ideal Quintette Club, will give their Second Entertainment at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monday Eve, Feb. 18th for the benefit of the Ebenezer Improvement Club, 1, of said church. Mr. Jordan Lynch, treble; Mr. Camillus Drake, tenor; Mr. Thos. Walker, baritone and musical director; Mr. J. Phillip wolfolk, basso.

Committees Messrs. Simms, Sam'l S. Baker and Thos. H. Trent.

MR. THOS. TRENT, Manager. Call for a Business Meeting.

There will be a meeting at the Fisherman's Temple, Monday, February 11th at 8 p. m. for the purpose of forming a S. C. of Odd Fellows. Saving and Loan Association of N. F.; Granville Marks, P. G. M.; Washington, D. C., Col. S. M. Armsey, General Agent.

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